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**From:** Overbay, Michael  
**Sent:** Friday, February 21, 2014 7:32 AM  
**To:** ramon.fernandez@rrc.state.tx.us; Peter Pope  
**Subject:** FW: 6th Texas Railroad Commission Investigations Request: "Bradenhead Pressure – 100 lbs - May Ruin Water Aquifer - Premier Natural Resources GAS CO. Allegedly Hiding Shut-Off Valve @ 1 Foot Underground with FAKE Valve Above Ground" & Premier IGNORES The  
**Attachments:** \_ RRC email \_ January 8 2014.doc; Toxic

Ramon and Peter,

Good Friday morning to you both.

I was asked to pass along this email complaint, which was sent to my Regional Administrator, regarding allegations that a company with wells in Parker County is fraudulently concealing the presence of Bradenhead pressure in at least one well, and possibly risking impacts to the aquifer in the area.

Judging by the email string and the information in the Word file (attached), I suspect y'all have a familiarity with the situation.

FYI, I could not open the second attachment, so I do not know what it says.

Best regards,

Mike

Michael Overbay, P.G.  
Regional Groundwater Center Coordinator  
US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6  
(214)665-6482

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**From:** Gray, David  
**Sent:** Friday, February 21, 2014 7:11 AM  
**To:** Overbay, Michael  
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Mike,

Please share with your RRC contacts.

David

**From:** M Ewell <(b) (6)>

**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 3:11:00 PM

**To:** Barry Smitherman RRC Chairman; Christi Craddick RRC Commissioner; David Porter RRC Commissioner; RCC Texas Damage Prevention Program

**Cc:** Brett Shipp- WFAA-TV Investigative Reporter; Craig Swancy- Weatherford City Council; Dusty Renfro- Parker County Commissioner Precinct 4; Heidi Wilder- Weatherford City Council; Jeff Robinson- Weatherford City Council; Judge Mark Riley- Parker County; Laura Schumacher- The Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District; Lon Burnam- Texas State Representative; Mayor Dennis Hooks- Weatherford; Gray, David; U.S. Rep. Kay Granger/Danielle Gonzalez; Waymon Hamilton- Weatherford City Council; Premier- Brian Wheeler Exploitation; Premier- Charles Stephenson Chairman of the Board- Advertises "RAPID RESPONSE TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT"; Premier- Chris Jacobson President- Advertises "RAPID RESPONSE TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT"; Premier- David Krueger Operations Engr. Workovers & HSE; Premier- Doug Adams Texas Barnett Dist. Production Engr.; Premier- James Ridgon Land Manager CERTIFIED MAIL 7196 9008 9040 1038 8137 (attached). . . B E - A S S U R E D on July 5 2012: PREMIER WILL R E D U C E N O I S E; Premier- Joe Bielstein VP Bus. Dev.; Premier- Jordan Cox Human Resources Mgr.; Premier- Mark Gaby Geology; Premier- Murphy Herrington VP Acquis.; Premier- Robert Grisaffe VP Finance

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## **RRC: 6th Request, Feb. 20, 2014 I N V E S T I G A T I O N S   R E Q U E S T E D per attached email**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 12, 2014 12:45 PM

**Subject:** 5th Request for Investigations - PLEASE RESPOND Fw: 4th Texas Railroad Commission Investigations Request: "Bradenhead Pressure – 100 lbs - May Ruin Water Aquifer - Premier Natural Resources GAS CO. Allegedly Hiding Shut-Off Valve @ 1 Foot Underground with FAKE Valve Above Ground" & Premier IGNORES Their Own Assurances (attached) to Reduce Years of ABUSIVE 24/7 COMPRESSOR NOISE

# RRC: Please read the two attachments and RESPOND.

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**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2014 8:37 PM

**Subject:** 4th Texas Railroad Commission Investigations Request: "Bradenhead Pressure – 100 lbs - May Ruin Water Aquifer - Premier Natural Resources GAS CO. Allegedly Hiding Shut-Off Valve @ 1 Foot Underground with FAKE Valve Above Ground" & Premier IGNORES Their Own Assurances (attached) to Reduce Years of ABUSIVE 24/7 COMPRESSOR NOISE

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Thank you,

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### 4th RRC Request for Investigations DISTRIBUTION ONLY:

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## **TO RRC:**

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## **CC:**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2014 4:46 PM  
**Subject:** 3rd Request "NO RRC RESPONSE" Fw: 2nd Request Fw: Request RRC Investigations

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